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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 22, 1999 (Paper No. 13), please amend the above identified application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows: